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Examiner: Archene A. Turner

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In re Application of: John M. Pinneo

For: FILLED DIAMOND FOAM MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR FORMING

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

In the event the patent office charges a fee for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 50-0612. An additional copy of this page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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### <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Director of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Telephone Interview of December 27, 2001. In response to Office Action dated December 4, 2001, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 37-79 without traverse.

#### REMARKS

In an Office Action dated December 4, 2001, the Examiner required a restriction between the claims of Group I, claims 1-36, drawn to a diamond-coated substrate; the claims of Group II, claims 37-71, drawn to methods; and the claims of Group III, drawn to a diamond-coated article bonded to a body.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. The claims in Groups II and III have been canceled without traverse herein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims in Groups II and III, claims 37-79, in divisional applications.

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